

REMARKS

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Examiner's statements of reasons for allowance are hereby acknowledged by Applicant. Applicant agrees that the claimed subject matter is patentably distinct from the documents cited by the Examiner; however, Applicant takes no position regarding the reasons for allowance presented by the Examiner, other than the positions Applicant has previously taken during prosecution of the above-referenced patent application. Therefore, the Examiner's reasons for allowance should not be attributed to Applicant as an indication of the basis for Applicant's belief that the claims are patentably distinct. Furthermore, it is respectfully asserted that there may also be additional reasons for patentability of the claimed subject matter not explicitly stated in this record. While in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.104(e), a failure by the Applicant to disagree with the Examiner, or file more detailed comments, does not give rise to any implication that the Applicant agrees with or acquiesces in the reasoning of the Examiner, here, by this document, Applicant is expressly making clear that no such agreement or acquiesce is present.

The foregoing amendments to the specification are typographical in nature. These changes do not affect the scope of claimed subject matter and no new matter is introduced by these amendments. Likewise, because scope is not affected, there is no prosecution history estoppel.

CONCLUSION

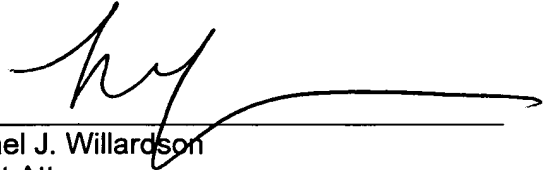
In view of the foregoing typographical amendments to the specification, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter these amendments and comments so that the application may proceed to allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 640-6475.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges of any fees required for this submission to Deposit Account number 50-3130.

Respectfully submitted,

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